


NCCALJ Overview and Update

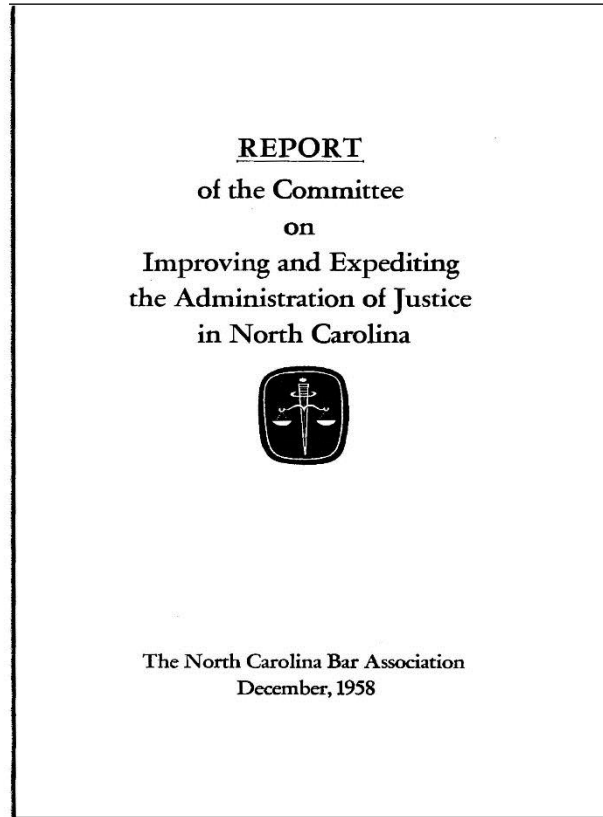
Will Robinson, Executive Director

September 16, 2016
Courts Commission

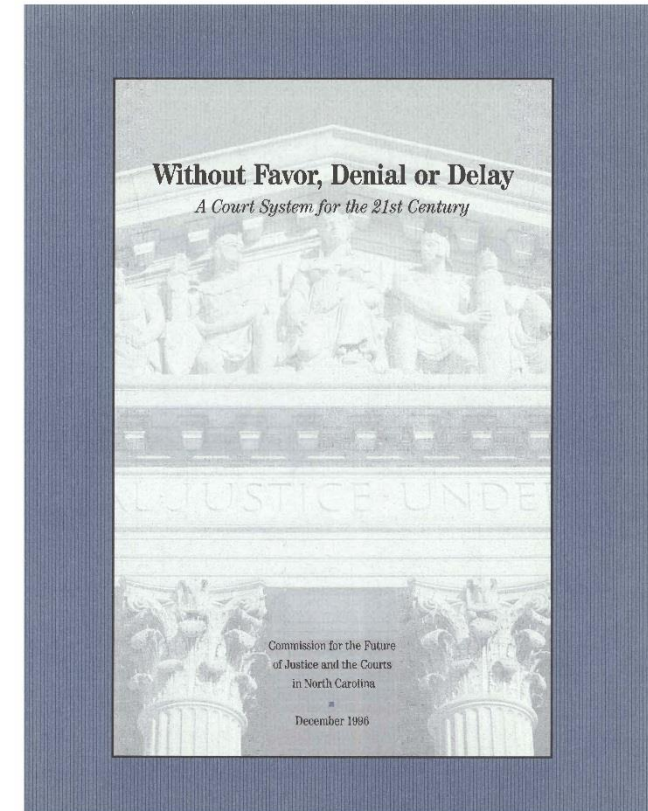


LAW AND JUSTICE

Previous Judicial Branch Comprehensive Reviews



The Bell Commission
1955-1963



The Medlin Commission
1994-1996

Timeframe



“I charge you to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of our state judicial system and make actionable, real-world recommendations for strengthening our courts.” --Chief Justice Mark Martin, Inaugural NCCALJ Meeting, Sept. 30, 2015

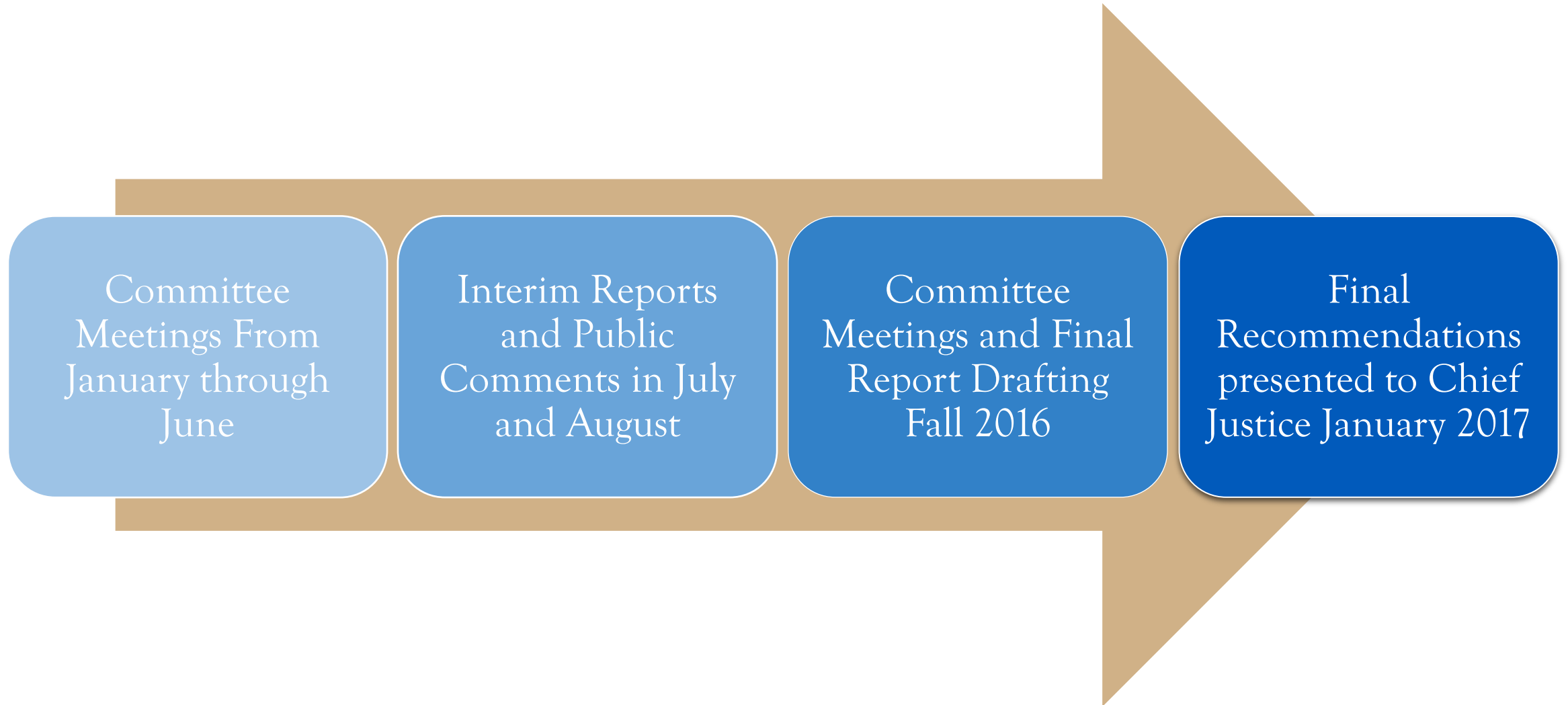
Commission Structure

5 Committees:

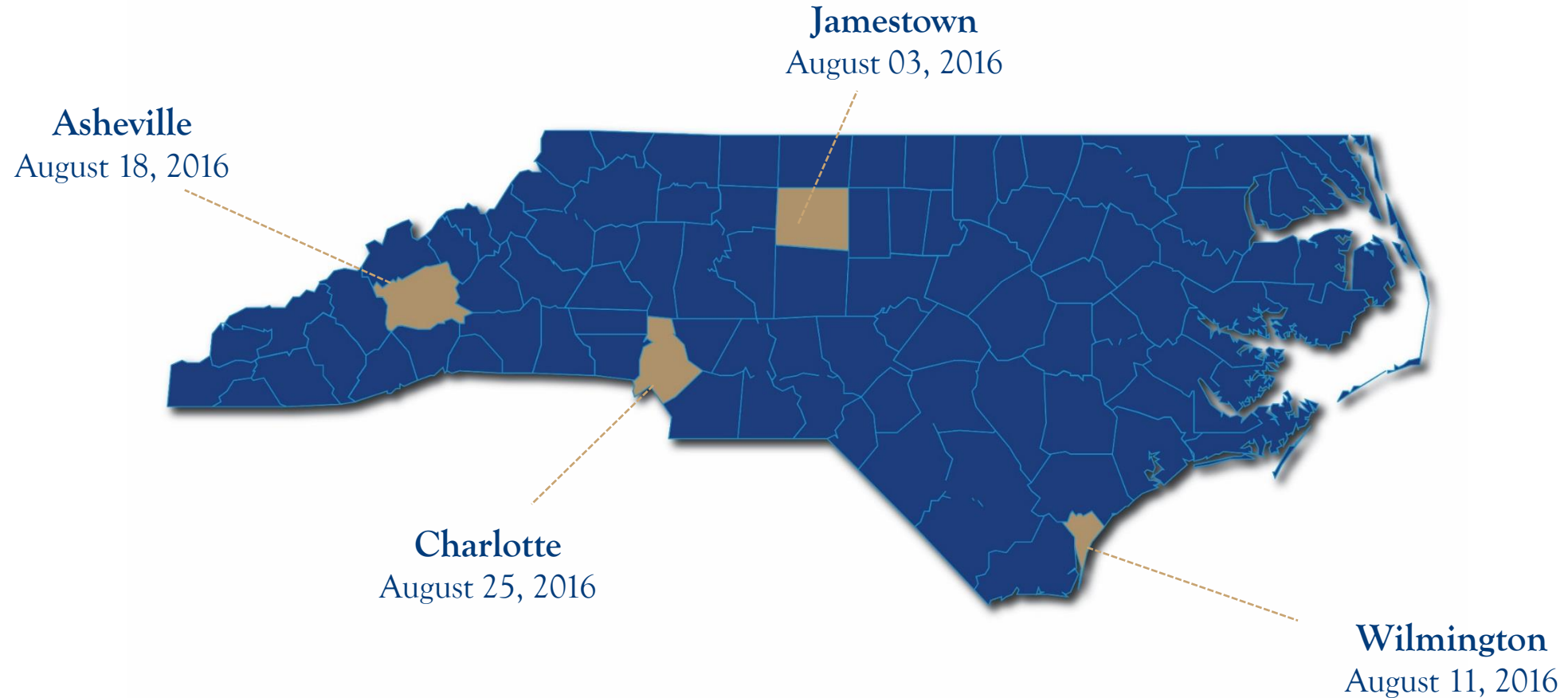


- **Civil Justice**
chaired by Dean David Levi
- **Technology**
chaired by Justice Barbara Jackson
- **Criminal Investigation and Adjudication** chaired by Judge Bill Webb
- **Legal Professionalism**
chaired by Catharine Arrowood
- **Public Trust and Confidence**
chaired by Brad Wilson

Time Table for 2016-2017



Public Meetings Locations



Public comments period

- **Four** Meetings Across the State
- Over **400** People in Attendance
- Over **200** Individual Comments Online
- Comments from over **25** Organizations



Work of the Committees

Civil Justice

Criminal
Investigation and
Adjudication

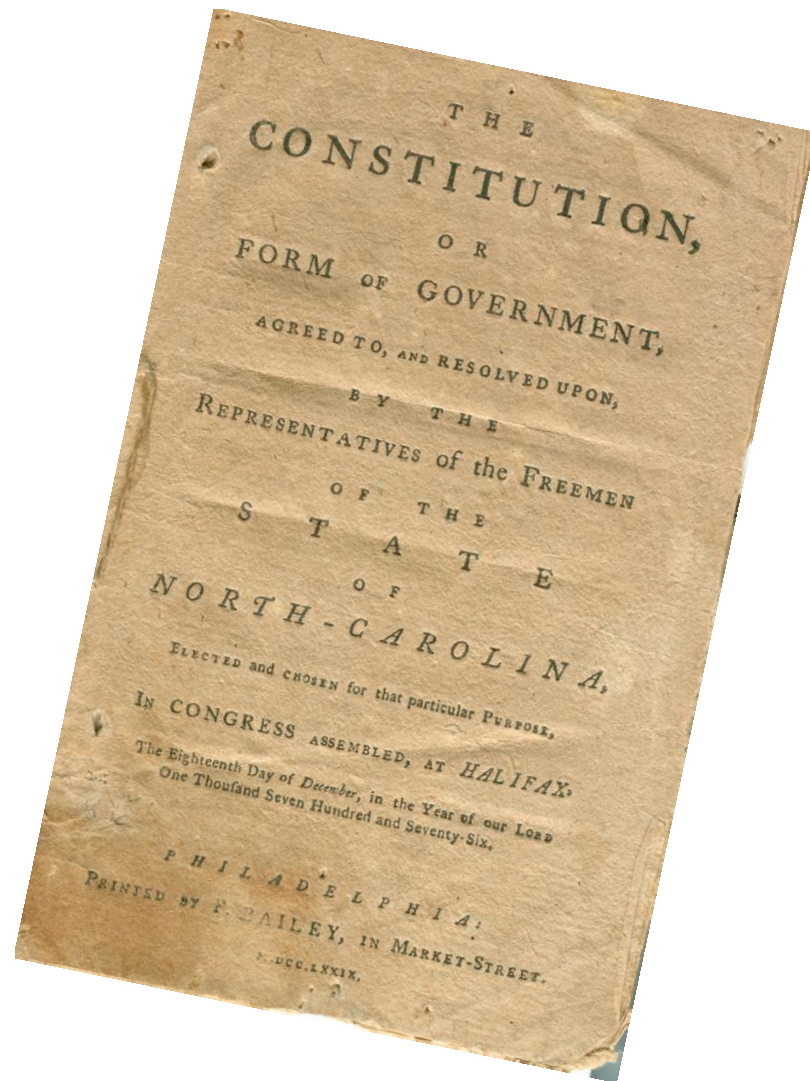
Legal
Professionalism

Public Trust and
Confidence

Technology

“ Considering how North Carolina courts can best meet
institutional
needs and 21st century
public expectations ”

— Chief Justice Mark Martin



“All courts shall be open; every person for an injury done him in his lands, goods, person, or reputation shall have remedy by due course of law; and right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay.” --Article I, Sec. 18.

NC Judicial Branch Mission Statement

“To protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people, as guaranteed by the Constitutions and laws of the United States and North Carolina, by providing a fair, independent, and accessible forum for the just, timely, and economical resolution of their legal affairs.”



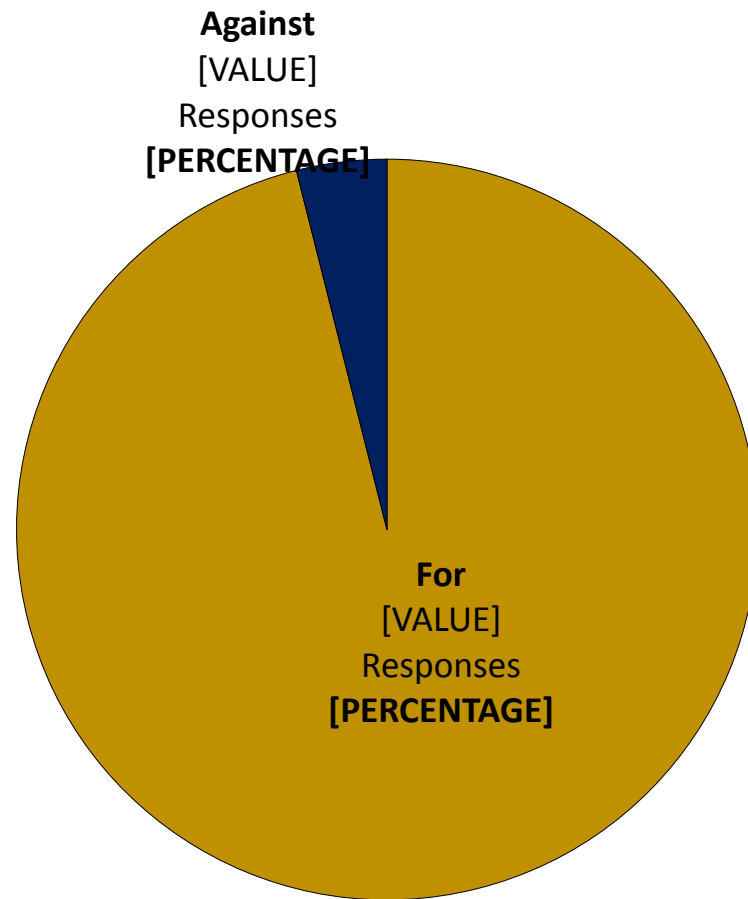
Civil Justice Committee Interim Report Recommendations

1. Technology – electronic filing and case management along with an efficient rule-making process to implement technology innovations
2. Case Tracking
3. Judicial Assignment
4. Legal Assistance and Self-Represented Litigation
5. Civil Fines, Fees, and Penalties

Criminal Investigation and Adjudication Committee Interim Report Recommendations

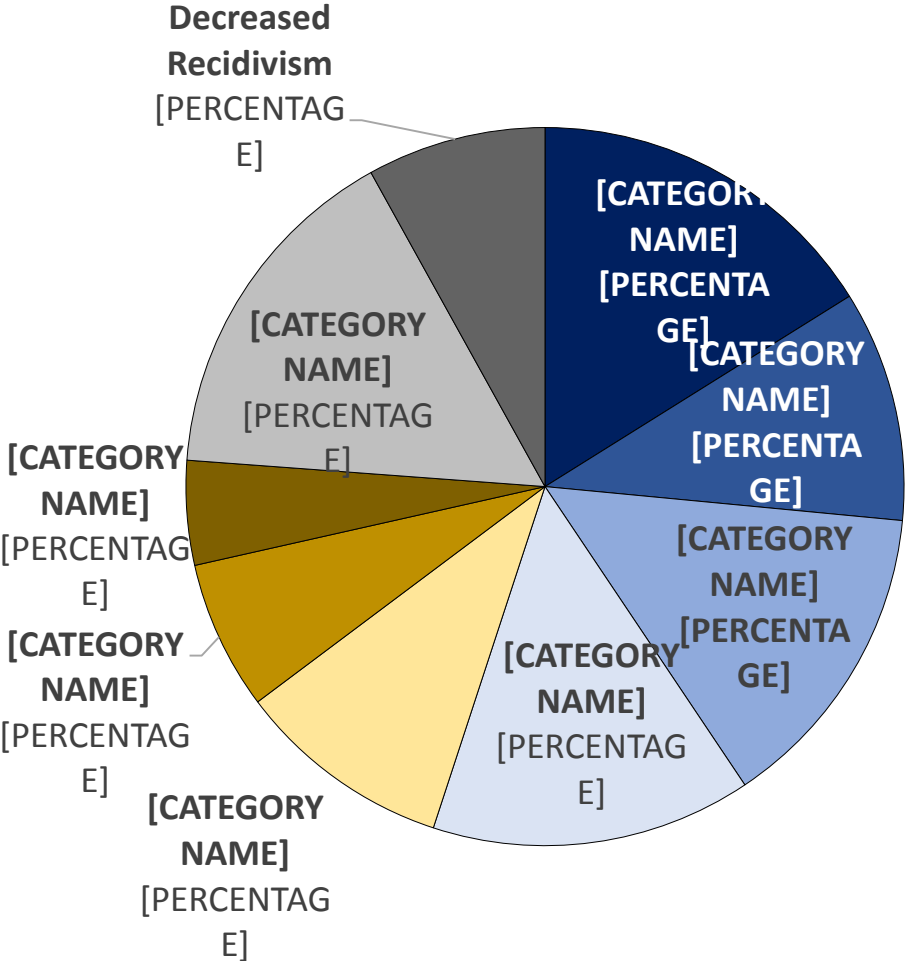
1. Juvenile Reinvestment—Increasing Juvenile Jurisdiction Up to 18
2. Pretrial Release
3. Indigent Defense
4. Criminal Case Management

Rate of Support for Committee's Draft Juvenile Reinvestment Recommendation



| Forum | For Proposal | Against Proposal | Total | % in Favor |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|-------|------------|
| Written | 94 | 7 | 101 | 93.1% |
| Verbal | 59 | 0 | 59 | 100.0% |
| Organizations | 18 | 0 | 18 | 100.0% |
| Overall | 171 | 7 | 178 | 96.1% |

Reasons for Support of Committee’s Draft Juvenile Reinvestment Recommendation



| | Reasons for Support | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------------|--------|---------------|------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Forum | General Only | Unfair | Brain Science | Criminal Records | One of Two | Adult Prisons | Support Upon Certain Conditions | JJ Programming | Decreased Recidivism |
| Written | 34 | 16 | 27 | 21 | 16 | 12 | 8 | 20 | 5 |
| Verbal | 10 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 18 | 12 |
| Organizations | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 7 |
| Overall | 48 | 31 | 42 | 43 | 29 | 20 | 14 | 47 | 24 |

Legal Professionalism Committee Interim Report Recommendations

- Focus on the system of delivery of legal services in the 21st century in North Carolina, including:
 - Regulating entry into the profession and the process of defining the practice of law
 - Evaluating and regulating alternative forms of legal services
 - Increasing the help offered to self-represented litigants throughout North Carolina

Public Trust and Confidence Committee Interim report Recommendations

1. Promoting Fair and Equal Access to Courts
2. Eliminating Actual and Perceived Bias in the Courts
3. Providing for the Just, Timely, and Economic Scheduling/Disposition of Cases
4. Enhancing Access to Information and Court Records
5. Recommending a Selection Process that Ensures Well-Qualified and Independent Judges
6. Strengthening Civics Education
7. Conducting a Recurring Public Opinion Poll

Technology Committee Interim Report Initiatives

1. Technology Governance
2. Implementing Measurement Metrics
3. Improving Reporting and Analytics
4. Enterprise Information Management System
5. E-Filing
6. Integrated Case Management System
7. Financial Management System
8. Electronic Public Access
9. Judicial Workbench

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institutional needs
and 21st century public expectations